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No time to say more, Good-bye.

BILL BAILEY

AT THE OLD STAND

THE
ANNUAL MEETING
—of the—
Didsbury Agricultural
Society
will be held in the
COUNCIL CHAMBER
—on—
Monday, Novemb'r 30th
at 3 o'clock sharp
All members are requested to be
present.

AROUND THE TOWN

Three good milk cows for sale.
Apply at Golden West Hotel.

Didsbury Public School will
open at 9:30 and 1 p.m. com-
mencing on Monday morning.

Don't forget the annual town
meeting on Friday night, Decem-
ber 4th.

FOR RENT—Three furnished
rooms to rent over the Furniture
store.

Satisfactory arrangements have
been made and the reading room
at the Schoolhouse is now open
every evening from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

N. Weicker will ship hogs on
Thursday December 3rd. Hogs to
be delivered by 11 o'clock that
day or day before.

Rev. F. B. Marks will preach
in the Baptist church on Sunday,
and will take for his subject
"The Fatal But." Service at
7:30 p.m.

The Mounted Policeman from
Oids was in town on Monday
afternoon, and was seen
from which merchandise had
been extracted. No arrests were
made but the constable is working
on the case.

Big auction sale of choice
fruit lands at Kelowna, Okanagan
Valley, B.C. on December 10th.
Join our excursion leaving
Didsbury, December 8th, apply
before December 3rd, to G. M.
Gaddes.

Last Friday morning the case
of drunkenness and disorderly
conduct which occurred on Thurs-
day night came up before H. B.
Atkins, J.P. The justice fined
the two offenders \$5 and \$10
respectively and also gave them
a good lecture.

The skating rink will be open-
ed on Wednesday night next.
Messrs. Harrigan and Sheline
announce that skating will be
free on that night. Season tick-
ets will be \$4.00 each and will be
on sale at the ticket office on
Wednesday night.

REAL ESTATE SNAP.—Five
lots, small house, barns and
chicken houses for sale cheap.
Only five minutes walk from the
post office. This offer will soon
be taken up. If you want it
come at once to the Pioneer office
and get further information.

The many friends of Messrs.
James and John Reed will be
sorry to learn of the death of their
sister, Mrs. L. Webb, one week
after reaching her home at Oil
Springs, Ont. The deceased
lady leaves her husband and
three children to mourn her loss.

G. B. Sexsmith will conduct
the following auction sales on the
dates mentioned. William Hun-
sperger, one mile south of town,
Tuesday, December 1st; Wm.
Schimmelpfennig, stock yards
Didsbury, December 2nd; E. A.
Scott, 31 miles due east of Car-
stairs, Friday, November 27th.

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mers, no electrical storms, mild
winters, blizzards unknown, no
hailstorms to destroy crops at
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frost proof. Apply to H. L.
Craig, Oids.

DRESSMAKING—Ladies
wishing to have dressmaking
done will do well to correspond
with Miss N. Brooke of Didsbury,
who is prepared to go out sewing.

COAL, COAL.—We have lots of
Lethbridge coal on hand, and
another car will be on track on
Monday and Tuesday. \$8.50 per
ton on track.—Stark & Mowers.

FOUND—A purse containing
a small sum of money. Owner
can have same by calling on O.
W. Hembling and paying cost of
this notice.

MILLINERY MILLINERY—
Notice to the ladies of Didsbury,
that I will open up in the spring
with a complete millinery stock.—
Miss M. M. Thorburn & Co.

LOST—A pair of heavy driving
mitts. These mitts were lost be-
tween J. A. Ruby's farm, 14 miles
west of town, and Hietor's ele-
vator. Please leave at Pioneer
office and receive reward.

A ministerial convention of
the M.B.C. Church will be held
on Wednesday, December 2nd,
in the Mennonite church, Dids-
bury; opening session at 10
o'clock. The annual meeting of
the Alberta Conference will be
held on Thursday, December 3rd,
at the same place. Everybody
is invited to attend these meetings.

Now is the time to get some
cheap land. I will sell you 320
acres for \$550. The warrants are
here now and you can file on the
land the moment that you get the
scrip. Buying scrip does not in-
terfere with your right to a home-
stead and pre-emption. For fur-
ther particulars apply to A. F.
Staley.

FARMERS ATTENTION—
The regular meeting for the
members of the Alberta Farmers
Association, will be held on Mon-
day, December 7th at 1:30 p.m.,
in the Opera House. All mem-
bers and other farmers are re-
quested to attend this meeting,
as president Joshua Fletcher will
be present.

Didsbury lovers of good music
will be glad to hear of the return
of the Palmatier sisters concert
company for a performance here
on Saturday evening, December
8th. This company hardly needs
any advertising in Didsbury as
their former appearance will be
remembered with pleasure. This
will be their third performance in
Didsbury.

G. B. Sexsmith wishes to an-
nounce that he will establish reg-
ular auction rooms in Didsbury,
beginning December 1st, where
goods of all kinds will be sold on
commission. Valuations given
on farm sales, stock of all kinds.
Stock listed will receive prompt
attention and sold either privately
or by public sale. Goods and
chattels bought on fair valuations.

"Along the Kennebec" which
appears here on Thursday even-
ing next is advertised as one of
the best on the road. The com-
pany is composed of Miss Fanny
Ferguson, Prima Donna, Sopra-
no, Miss E. Perley Lincoln, en-
tertainer, Miss Harriet Bradford,
pianist and accompanist and B.
von Turner, manager of the com-
pany. This company is now
making its 12th annual tour.

The School Trustees went to
the school on Tuesday morning
to test the teachers and pupils on
fire drill. Two small buckets fil-
led with hay was set fire to in the
boiler room causing the corridors
and up-stair rooms to be filled
with smoke, and the fire alarm
was rung. From that time un-
till every scholar was safely out
of the building, only 35 seconds
elapsed, the pupils being very
orderly in their retirement. The
teachers are to be highly com-
mended for the very efficient way
in which the fire drill has been
taught the scholars.

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Carnafac, Regular Price	\$1.00, now 70c.
" " " "	50, " 35c.
" " " "	25 " 18c.
Carnafac Worm Powder, regular price	50 " 35c.
Myers Horse and Cattle Spice, regular price 25c. now	2 for 25c.

THIS IS GOOD STUFF

HURRY UP!

Studer & Co.

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The Mayoralty

So far very little interest has been taken publicly as to who shall sit at the head of the Council for next year, perhaps this is because the ratepayers think the elections are not very close, but there is only a little over two weeks before the said elections take place. As was stated in these columns last week the present mayor and the returning Councilors have all stated that they will not be candidates for a position on the Council for the next term. This leaves the contest open to the three Councilors still in harness. Perhaps some objection will be raised as to this statement, as others outside the Council might be capable of filling the Mayor's chair. This may be true, but the men who have had charge of affairs during the past year have an insight on matters that have come before them that will take a man outside of the Council some time to understand, thereby delaying work that should be taken up at once instead of wasting time and going over the same ground that has already been covered.

Will Run For Mayor

Since writing the above it has developed that Councilors Smith and Shantz are both out for the position as Mayor. Councilor Hembling had also been requested to run for the position but has retired in favor of Councilor Smith. This means that there will be another vacant seat on the Council and four Councilors will have to be elected unless there is a dark horse brought out on nomination day. Both candidates can give a good account of themselves but it remains for them to state publicly what their position is as regards the running of town affairs next year.

Ratepayers to Vote on Electric Light System and Fire Engines East Didsbury to Get Sidewalk.

If the Councilors and the Mayor who will retire in a few weeks had been seeking re-election, business could not have been pushed harder than it was on Monday night, in fact there was feverish haste to carry through business that has come up regularly some time or other all through the year, for instance, the side-walk in East Didsbury. The Council have all along been claiming that this side-walk could not be laid as the town did not own the street. They do not own it now, but the sidewalk is going down all the same, which should have been done months ago.

The Mayor, Councilors Atkins, Smith, Hembling, Shantz, Berscht, Clerk Eby and Solicitor Macleod were present.

S. Miller who lives a little north-east of town, was present with the request that some horses belonging to him which were in the pound be released, as it was through the fault of some men from the town who were shooting and had dogs on his premises which chased his horses and cattle and made them break down his fences and get away. Mr. Miller also stated that he was being continually annoyed with dogs running his cattle and horses, and out of the bunch who got out of his fields five head of horses and three cows were missing on account of last Sunday's fracas.

The feeling of the Council was that Mr. Miller should not pay the pound fees, and on motion the horses are to be released free of charge.

The electric lighting proposition was again taken up.

Mr. Cook being present stated that the lights would run from 7.30 p.m. to 7.30 a.m. from October 1st to end of February, and that he wanted \$300 bonus but that he would buy the poles. He could not give the Council any information as to the price of street lights.

The Clerk read a letter from the electrical engineer at Lacombe in which it was stated that the town was paying \$75 a year for each light.



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DIDSBURY

The Wonderful Cave of the Island of Elg



I
THE skirt of the bagpipe shrilled loudly and clear.
And broadsword was ready and claymore was near:
For two clans of Scotsmen stood anxious for strife,
Both vowing henceforth 'twould be war to the knife.

II
In order of hate did they rush to the fray,
And icy was doubtful at least for a day,
Until, with assistance from allies at hand,
One clan made advance which no foe could withstand.

III
Then, deering twelve miles west of Isle Arisaid,
The beaten quick made for the Island of Elg;
In the County of Inverness now it is found,
Where the isles of the Hebrides lie all around.

IV
But swift was pursuit; and they hardly did cease
The steep cliffs' basaltic, the high walls of shale,
When sudden to view burst relentless the foe,

Their sharp pikes extended, their keen swords held low.

V
The refugees knew that the danger was grave,
So shelter they sought in commodious cave;
While up to its barricade sped enemies,
Determined to stay just as long as you please.

VI
With sentinels posted, long time did they wait,
And then they all entered; but, strange to relate,
The victims they fancied were smothered and dead
Were utterly missing—were one and all fled.

VII
The secret, dear reader, you surely would know:
Through a hole in the floor did the camp Scots go;
Convenient to land a rope ladder was placed—
By it they descended, without being traced.

VIII
And still do the warrior Scotsmen delight
To play with the nymphs down below, where the night
And old age never comes. Oh, the entrance we beg
To this land, through the cave of the Island of Elg!



Tabby Jones

SHE was only a mite of a kitten when she first came to us—a cunning little ball of fur, which no one would ever have taken, at first glance, for a real, live pussy cat. But Tabby had come to stay, and soon, by her mischievous pranks, she proved that she was, indeed, a real pussy—and a lively one, too.



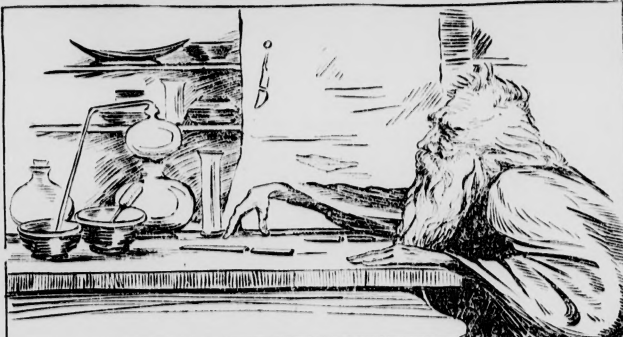
TABBY IS ASHAMED

and a warning that something especially amusing would soon happen. But she started to hear from the direction of the pantry a succession of shrills from Polly, and then the words, "Tabby Jones, stop that!" Tabby Jones, you that? Hurrying to the scene of disturbance, we were surprised to find Tabby in the act of puffing from the pantry, with Polly out on the window ledge, scolding at the top of her voice. It was hard to tell if she were more ashamed of being caught than she was angry at Polly's betrayal.

Needless to say, each became still more distrustful of the other after that day.

Wished Bigger Lunch
HABSMUCH as Willie was going upon an all-day fishing excursion with several of his special chums, grandma was asked to park a nice lunch for him. This operation Willie found very interesting. Suddenly he asked: "Grandma, do your spectacles 'go nifty'?" "Yes, Willie," replied grandma. "Then," coaxed Willie, "won't you please take them off while you're packing my lunch?"

Neapolitan Legend of Macaroni



THE SORROWFUL CICLO

IN the year 1229, during the reign of good King Frederick II, there stood in the alley of the Certosa a house in which the natives were much interested. It was a shabby dwelling, built tall and narrow. The windows were small, heavily leaded and very dirty; the door, low and weather-beaten, and the staircase, within, was rickety and in bad need of repair. Yet in spite of its forlorn appearance, passers-by always glanced furtively at the doorway of the old house, and as they did so, either crossed themselves or made magical signs supposed to be well understood by the evil one.

And the cause of this intense interest was the fact that the sorcerer Ciclo lived there. A great reputation for evil power had he, although apparently he had done nothing to deserve it. He took anything but wicked, as he smiled kindly in his long, white beard, nor did he ever dress other than modestly and properly, in clothes of somber hue. But tales were rife as to the weird chamber, where poisonous tomes, bound in silver, reposed on dusty shelves; where globes of crystal, strangely marked and carved, and keen knives cunningly shaped for scuffling and thrust, and where it was said he kept all night, tending the flames of a candle, a dangerous brew of herbs and uttering charms in unknown tongues.

Ciclo was very wise. It is true, but this wisdom he used to his own profit, and not to the benefit of mankind. Although he kept his knowledge to himself, he was not one to be ashamed of. When a poor man he had possessed great wealth and honorable titles, and had once been a king, he had gradually declined, but Ciclo in the meantime had been to delight in the change of fortune amused him little. A very small amount of money

remained when, an old man, he came to Naples, resolved to do something which would be of lasting benefit to the world. And at last it would seem that his plans had succeeded. But he wished to make them perfect before disclosing them to the people of Naples. Now there also lived in this house a woman, named Jovanella di Carlo. She had great curiosity. Nothing disturbed her so much as the fact that she was unable to solve the "mystery," as she called it, of the sorcerer Ciclo. At last, however, her zeal in trying upon the old man was rewarded. As she peeped through the keyhole, she saw him prepare a dish with four vegetables and a lamb. As it cooked a tempting odor arose. Jovanella noted carefully every little step in the making of this dish. Withdrawing silently, she tipped the domestics and began to prepare the same dish herself. Then she tasted it. How delicious it was! Truly, it was as good as it could be.

BURNED WITH EAGERNESS

She burned with eagerness to tell the secret to her husband, Giacomo, who was employed in the royal palace. Giacomo, said she excitedly, as soon as he arrived, "if you eat wisely our fortune is made." Giacomo listened attentively, and when he had finished, he agreed to do as she asked. This was to tell the king and cook the royal supper of the wonderful dish, and then try to discover the secret of its recipe at a fabulous price. Their plans worked nicely. The head cook agreed to reveal the secret to cook the dish in the royal kitchen.

King Frederick, hearing of this, commanded that the food when prepared be brought to him by Jovanella herself. When he tasted it he rolled his tongue and smacked his lips in an ecstasy of enjoyment. "This is the most delightful dish I have ever eaten! Woman, I shall give you a hundred pieces of gold for your wonderful success!" But the gift did not stop here. To show their appreciation every noble and dignitary gave Jovanella a costly gift. Then the gentleman and the merchants and the petty tradesmen made donations and so on, down to the very laborers. Every one wished to show gratitude to the woman who had bestowed such a blessing upon mankind. At the end of six months all Naples was eating "macaroni"—for as the new food was made to suit Jovanella was rich.

During this time Ciclo still occupied himself diligently in his little chamber, not knowing his secret recipe had been stolen from him. But one day, as he was out for a short stroll, he came upon a woman cooking macaroni. Upon investigation he discovered the whole truth. A day later the sorcerer Ciclo disappeared, people declaring that the evil one had flown away with him, and such was the case. But although Jovanella had gained riches by her discovery, she did not live long to enjoy them. For she was so greedy that she continued to eat so much macaroni, so that she grew rapidly fat, and died of Gout. As she was dying, Jovanella confessed the mischief and expressed regret that she had not, after all, the name of Ciclo had lived through the ages.

Why Shorty Didn't

"I DO wonder why it is that Merwin doesn't want to go to the picnic," Mrs. Johnson whispered to Merwin's father. "He says he doesn't feel well and would rather stay home this afternoon, but I can't see anything the matter with him." "Well," replied Mr. Johnson, "I wouldn't bother him if I were. Something must be wrong with him, or he'd never miss such an occasion as a picnic."

Soon the Johnsons had entered the grove, their baskets and napkins and were on the way to the train. That it was that Merwin's face, which had hitherto been shown as a delicate complexion, brightened. Making sure that the family would not return, he stole quietly out to the woods. Peeking in the bushes he found there, he made his way through the back yard and was soon on the road to Noble's Woods. "Hello, Shorty," cried Skinny and Tilly Munford as Merwin scrambled over the fence with his baskets and started toward the nearest clump of trees in the woods; "what are you out to now?" "I don't know it," answered Merwin. "Shorty, as he was more comely named, with a chuckle. 'I told you I wouldn't see to the picnic with those stiff cousins of mine. The longer they're been visiting at our house the sicker I'm growing of them.'"

"Just, say, I played the dandiest trick I'd made up my mind to be sick, you know. So, after telling Ma, I went out to the pantry to get some peppermint. And what should I see but three big picnic baskets, all packed! Oh, it took me 'bout three minutes to take out most of the grub and hide it, and put in its place a lot of cabbage 'n' things. Aw, just think, them confounded cousins of mine are out to catch me, 'stead of vice 'n' a fruit preserve, like they think they are!"

Shorty rolled upon his back and lay in a drowsy state in a clump of juniper, while the others laughed at the hideout in the baskets. Of course, the baskets contained nothing but "cabbage 'n' things," about which Shorty had told them.

Shorty did that day. For Shorty got "sandy, well-nigh," as he told Skinny, when the folks came home that night.

Is It Possible?

SHORTY is possible? Place three pieces of anything currency is most convenient. Then take away the middle piece without touching it. By moving the right-hand piece to the side of the left you thus take away the center without touching it.

Was His Puddle

Quite severe, the distressed gentleman commanded the boy who was enjoying himself in the middle of the street. "Hey there, boy, get out of that dirty water!" But the boy merely started, and, feeling himself secure, shouted: "You see and find a mud puddle at your own? You won't steal it a one from me?"

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Three Hills

The annual meeting of the Three Hills Agricultural Society will be held at Three Hills on Dec. 3rd at 7 p.m. Every person interested should attend.

Mr. G. W. Clarke is doing a big job, threshing for Mr. Dickson. The grain is turning out well.

There was a good attendance of buyers at R. B. Ryerson's sale on Tuesday. The bidding was keen and all the articles brought a good price.

The box social held in the school on Monday night was a grand success, the attendance was good. An excellent programme had been prepared by the little ones which was well enjoyed, after which the boxes were sold to the highest bidder. Lunch being over dancing was indulged in till "wee small hours." The proceeds, which amounted to about \$51, will be devoted to getting an organ for the school.

Robertson Bros. have in their stock of winter goods which should be inspected before purchasing elsewhere.

Crop Estimates Based upon Returns from the Results of Threshing Operations

At the request of numerous parties for an estimate of the turn of this year's crop an estimate has been made upon a report of the crop correspondents after threshing operations had been under way, and upon a partial report of the threshers.

SPRING WHEAT—It would appear that the acreage devoted to spring wheat was not quite so large as the estimate made in June, nor is the yield proving quite as high as was anticipated in early July. It is estimated there was 154,487 acres of spring wheat and that the yield will be 2,844,600 bushels or an average of 18.41 bushels per acre.

WINTER WHEAT—The present estimate shows that the acreage of winter wheat harvested is nearly 100,000 acres over the July estimate, that is, 104,330 acres giving a yield of 2,397,388 bushels or an average yield of 22.98 bushels per acre, but the general average for the Province is greatly reduced by other districts not showing such high averages. Individual yields of winter wheat show that where the land was properly cultivated probably the highest yields ever obtained in the Province were obtained this year. Numerous instances show that over 60 bushels per acre have been obtained. This only shows what can be done by proper methods of cultivation and brings out in striking contrast the low yields where poor methods of cultivation prevail.

ONTS—The estimated acreage is 400,702 with a yield of 12,058,600 bushels or an average yield of 30.09 bushels per acre. The yield in a number of districts was materially reduced through continued rain and later unfavorable weather, so that in some portions of the Province the yield of oats is not nearly up to the average. Other districts again report one of the best crops of oats grown in many years.

BARLEY—The estimated acreage is 73,086 with a total yield of 1,448,005 bushels or an average of 19.73 bushels per acre, while the average for the Province for the ten years has been in the neighborhood of 27 bushels per acre. It will thus be seen that this year has been a decided off one for barley.

FLAX—The season has proved an unfavorable one for flax, the estimate being 8,046 acres of flax with a total yield of 62,983 bushels or an average of 7.82 per acre. This is the lowest estimate ever made for flax in the Province.

The yield of grain in 1908, despite the most excellent prospects in early summer, has not given anything like as favorable a turn-out as was fondly hoped in view of the unfortunate loss of crop of the previous season. The only exception to this general statement is that of winter wheat, which this year has given the best crop on record.

The following is a summary of the acreages and yield in tabular form:—

Crop	Acreage	Yield
Spring wheat	154,487	2,844,600
Winter wheat	104,330	2,397,388
Oats	400,702	12,058,600
Barley	73,086	1,448,005
Flax	8,046	62,983
Average		18.41

News Jottings

(Contributed)

Can it be true as alleged that petty thieving is going on at the mines when different ones have returned minus one thing or other such as parts of harness or different parts of the wagon box. Now anyone addicted to that petty stealing should remember that only the meanest kind of person would be found guilty of such.

In my travels to and fro I notice the depredations done by cattle in destroying fences and also damaging crop, especially fall wheat, even a lawful fence not seeming to hinder them. An herd law in the future may be expected as the only cure for this wanton destruction.

A man coming from the mines one day last week met with rather a surprise in crossing a culvert some 13 miles from town on account of the culvert being destroyed previously. Now this township is liable to be held for damages for the wagon which was upset by driving across the defective culvert. Is it not time wooden culverts should be a thing of the past and something more substantial used.

(Continued next week.)

West News

Nature is smiling on us again. Mr. R. Brown spent a few days in Calgary.

Miss McGurk, Miss Topp and Rankin spent Thanksgiving in Calgary. Mr. and Mrs. C. Brown of Westcott spent Sunday at Mr. Otterburn's at Elkton.

Mr. Ed. Parker took in the Teachers' Convention at Didsbury last week. We think this meeting is beneficial and interesting to non-teachers as well. A very enjoyable time was spent at Mr. J. Ruby's residence last Friday evening.

A number of young people of Elkton and Rugby attended the shadow social at Westcott Friday evening, reported having a good time.

Signed, I. M. M.

Take Notice

That the annual public meeting of the ratepayers of the municipality of the town of Didsbury for the discussion of municipal affairs will be held in the Opera House on Friday evening at 8 p.m., December 4th, 1908.

G. B. SEXSMITH,

Mayor.

Closing out Sale

Being about to close out my business in Didsbury, and wishing to reduce stock as quickly as possible I will offer for the next 30 days all of my millinery and fancy goods, children's wear etc., at greatly reduced prices. Triumphant hats at your own prices. Do not fail to give me a call. I have the very latest in fancy neckwear, belts and bows, also a nobly line of men's neckties at unusually low prices. Ladies call and select your Xmas gifts while they last.

MRS. STEVENS.

Milliner, Didsbury.

Neapolis

A singing school has been organized by Mr. Bates. The officers are D. M. Stuart, F. Elder, H. H. Reimer. It is to be held in the Hall every Tuesday evening.

The W.C.T.U. will meet with Mrs. Wilson in the Berlin School house on Thursday, December 3rd. All ladies are cordially invited.

It has been arranged by the Union Sunday Schools to have a Christmas tree. Committees have been appointed and a good programme is being prepared.

W. Howe is a little better.

H. L. Reimer made a business trip to Calgary last week.

George Dick reports that his boot-making business is on the increase.

Three Hills

Mr. M. S. Simpson returned from High River. He reports the weather in this district much more pleasant than at High River.

Threshing is about done in this vicinity. Vaseo Nichols reports a yield of 50 bushels of barley winter J. G. Girdler had wheat that averaged 42 bushels per acre.

Quite a number attended the musical evening at the Three Hills hotel on Friday night and all report a pleasant evening.

Geo. Dolson of Ghost Pine passed through town on Saturday hauling a load of salt for his large herd of cattle.

Jas. Neuhoff would liked to have had his grain threshed but the men had to move away before breakfast.

A. W. Pratt is doing a large chipping trade.

Remember the meeting of the Agricultural Society at Three Hills held on December 3rd when the officers for 1909 will be elected.

R. A. McKay is hauling pork to Didsbury.

A clergyman writes: "Preventives" those little Candy Cane Tablets are working wonders in my parish. "Preventives" surely will check a cold, or the Grippe, in a few hours. And Preventives are safe and harmless. No Quinine, nothing harsh or sickening. Fine for feverish restless children. Box of 48 at 25c. Sold by H. W. Chambers.

Berlin

Last Wednesday, the home of Mr. McCall was the scene of a quiet wedding when their daughter Mary Jane and Mr. Henry Herman were married. Rev. D. Rieder tied the nuptial knot. The bride was presented with a goodly number of valuable gifts. We wish the young couple a happy voyage over life's matrimonial sea.

Jacob C. Peters left for Waldeck, Sask., with a carload of effects on Wednesday last. Mr. Peters intends staying all winter.

Master Johnny Friesen is very sick.

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Stable, south of city; 12 stalls; will sell with stable or time for stock. Apply to R. B. Martin, Didsbury, Alta.

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For the return of a tall boy horse branded with an 'H' on the forehead, also one aged light horse, brown on hind legs. Strays from N.W. quarter section 4, Range 32, T. 2, R. 2, on the 1st of October. Please send information to Ezra Thiele, Didsbury, Alta.

LOST

On Saturday, October 24th, a pocketbook containing a large sum of money. The book was lost between the south end ferry stable, Didsbury, and James Harris, Berlin. Substantial reward will be given for the return of this pocketbook to the Pioneer office, Didsbury. Otto Doering, Mayton, P. O.

WARNING

Any person found trespassing on the north half of Sec. 10, Twp. 14, R. 1, W. 3, east of railway track will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law and all dogs will be shot.

Read the pain formula on a box of Pink Pain Tablets. Then ask your Doctor if there is a better one. Pain means congestion, blood pressure somewhere. Dr. Sloan's Pink Pain Tablets check head pain, womanly pains, pain anywhere. Try one, and see how for 25c. Sold by H. W. Chambers.

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